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Christmas

*Merry
Christmas!*



Strong hands to weak, old hands to young,
around the Christmas board, touch hands.

The false forget, the foe forgive, for every
guest will go and every fire burn low, and
cabin empty stand.

Forget, forgive, for who may say that Christ-
mas day may ever come to host or guest
again.

Touch hands!

John Norton's Vagabond

1954

JUNIOR HIGH PRESENTS "A CHRISTMAS STORY"

Mindful of pleasing entertainment at past Junior High Concerts, Coleman residents packed the school auditorium Thursday and Friday night for the sixth annual Christmas concert.

The diversified program was well received by the large attendance, performers and directors being justly praised at the conclusion.

The following program was presented.

1. Opening Remarks by Johnny Kratky, President of Coleman Junior High School.

2. Grade Seven Chorus — Conductor — Mrs. G. Cousins, Accompanist — Cynthia Bond; "O Saviour So Sweet"; "Jingle Bells"; "Silent Night".

3. "Mountain Music" Square Dance; Director — Mr. R. Spillers.

4. Accordion Solo — Elio Peragotti; "Western Moon March".

5. Trumpet Duet — Caron Johnson and Donnie DeCocco "The Sharpshooter's March".

6. Pantomime — "The Terrible Catastrophe"; Director — Mr. T. Kryczka. Characters: Tommy Knight, Vernon Groszko, Michael Hill, Leonard Binnard and Harold Hayashi.

7. Accordion Duet — Tony Fenich and Stephen Vrskovy, "Just Another Polka".

8. Vocal Solo — James Atkinson, Accompanist — Mrs. G. Cousins, "The First Noel".

9. Saxophone Solo — Josette Malanuk, Accompanist — Heather Fleming, "The Golden Days" Polka.

10. "The Hopak" Folk Dance, Accompaniment — C.J.H.S. Orchestra. Directors — Mr. E. Mascherin and Mr. R. Spillers.

11. Piano Solo — Valerie Kwasne, "The Wood Nymph's Harp".

12. Vocal Trio — Accompanist — Cynthia Bond; Ellen-Claire McDonald, Donald Oliva, and Gail Fontana "O Come All Ye Faithful".

13. Accordion Duet — Nickle Misura and Alan Gate, "Windsor March".

14. Piano Duet — Georseann Pattinson and Sandra Holyk, "Contra Dance".

15. Tap Dance — Darlene Korman, Accompanist — Gail Vincent, "Winter Wonderland".

16. Piano Solo — Cynthia Bond, "Minuet".

17. "Pigaro" Harold Hayashi and Robert France, Director — Mr. E. Mascherin.

18. Orchestral Interlude, C.J.H.S. Orchestra, Conductor — Edward Filafilo.

19. Overture — "A Christmas Story".

CAST: — Peter, Jerry Lonsbury; Mrs. Cratchit, Carole Supwot; Belinda, Caron Johnson; Sally, Terry Mraz; Letitia, Alice Wesko; Extra Girls, Georgina Misura, Barbara Krish, Moira Smalles; Martha, Beverley Bond; Tiny Tim, Johnny Cousins; Mr. Cratchit, Tommy Knight; Fred, Vernon Groszko; Sybil, Jacqueline Krish; Marilla, Doreen MacQuarrie; Drusilla, Donna Gentile; Constance, Heather Fleming; Scrooge, Richard Chernecky; Accompanist, Michael Hill.

Teachers' New Officers and Committees

Coleman Sub-Local of Alberta Teachers' Association's officers committees are:

President: Mr. E. Mascherin.

Vice President: Mrs. F. Bond.

Sec. Treas: Miss L. Johnston.

Councillors to G.N.P. Local: Mrs. L. Oelke, Mrs. G. France.

Social Committee: Mrs. A. Roughhead, Mrs. A. McLean, Mrs. R. D'Amico.

Sports: Mr. R. Spillers.

Negotiating Committee: Mr. E. Ondrus, Mrs. G. Cousins, Mr. R. Spillers.

Policy Committee: Mrs. O. McDonald, Mrs. G. Montalbetti, Mr. I. Kryczka.

Since Coleman teachers have chosen Education as their topic for preparation and presentation to the C.N.P. Local Association.

Mr. J. McDonald gave an address on Education at the C.N.P. Teachers meeting held at Blaimore, December 9.

Supervisor Visits Jr. Red Cross

Mrs. Nixon of Calgary, a Supervisor of the Jr. Red Cross in Alberta, recently gave an inspirational talk to all Coleman Elementary Grades on the aims, work, and accomplishments of the Jr. Red Cross. This featured ten new health posters and ten similar stamps, portfolio exchange, scenes of the patients of the Crippled Children's Hospital, Calgary coupon collection and the farewell of the puppet who kept all the health rules.

Over 44 million children of 55 countries are enrolled in this organization whose motto is "I Serve". The aims of the Jr. Red Cross are: 1. Service to others; 2. Maintain health; 3. International Friendship.

As in the past Coleman has several active organized branches of the Jr. Red Cross. They will report their varied and worthwhile activities in the new year.

Legion Elects New Officers

The following officers were elected to guide the Canadian Legion for the coming year.

Pres. — J. Kullig.

1st Vice-Pres. — J. Beddington.

2nd Vice-Pres. — J. Smile.

Executive — J. Hirt, R. Crippen, B. Amell, J. Stowick, W. Harrison, H. McCartney, B. Clark.

J. McDonald, J. Macianini.

Hon. Pres. — H. Wilton-Clarke.

Hon. Vice-Pres. — P. Abousaif, W. Goodwin and W. Fraser.

Ladies' Auxiliary Officers Elected

LADIES AUXILIARY

1955 officers of the Ladies Aux. to the Canadian Legion are as follows:

Pres. — Sonia Drew.

Vice-president — Bertha Crippen.

Secretary — Effie McCartney.

Treasurer — Joyce Anderson.

Executives — Emily Guerard, Emily Beddington, Olga Sudworth, Gladys McDonald, Edna Campbell, Mary Clarke and Hazel Maslen.

C.I.M.M. Officers

A business meeting of the Rocky Mountain Branch C. I. M. M. was held in the Michel Hotel on Dec. 17 Chairman A. Holldorson presided.

Mr. K. N. Stewart of Fernie was elected chairman for the ensuing year and Mr. D. R. Morgan of Fernie was elected Secretary Treasurer.

Mr. H. Wilton-Clarke of Coleman was nominated for the position of vice president of district number five of the C.I.M.M.

A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers and committee.

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our friends for the many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and floral tributes received during our recent bereavement.

RITA AMELL and Family.

Personalities IN THE NEWS

Walter Tymchyna is spending Christmas with his sister in Vancouver.

On Tuesday, Victoria Rebekah Lodge held their annual Christmas tree. Gifts were exchanged and Sis. Cornett joyfully entered the hall singing "Jingle Bells" after which a dainty lunch was served by Sis. Gushul and her committee, bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones of Lethbridge, accompanied by her father and mother, are visiting with Mrs. L. Jones.

Victoria Rebekah Lodge held their annual Turkey Supper on Saturday last in the I.O.O.F. hall. At 6:30 p.m. the members and guests sat down to supper, tables were decorated in a Christmas motif. Colored slides were shown by Mr. Evan Gushul, following which whist was enjoyed, honors going to: Ladies 1st, Mrs. Moresy of Blaimore and Mrs. J. Nash, 2nd; Men's 1st, Mrs. Ralph Perry, 2nd Mr. W. Lonsbury.

Mrs. Louis Litvik of Natal visited Margaret and Ann Doresak.

John Graham of Edmonton is visiting his parents.

Miss Lily Coley left Sunday to visit her parents in Vancouver.

Members of Coleman Fire Brigade and their wives honored Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malarchuk at a banquet and dance at the Grand Union. Aldo Montalbetti spoke on Joe's activities and presented him with a toaster and a loaf of bread.

Miss Kay Liesemer of Edmonton and Miss Norma Liesemer of Calgary are visiting their parents.

Mr. Bill Kerr of Edmonton is visiting his parents.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Dec. 17 a son

Miss D McLean, Edmonton is visiting with her mother.

Mrs. F. Fisher of Fifth Street would like to state that the fall she took, breaking an arm, was on the sidewalk in front of the Bank, not on the street.

Coleman Legion recently held a dart tournament, winners being J. Lowe, F. Jackson and A. Osoljiv.

Miss Margaret Weeko of Lethbridge visited with her parents here.

The W.M.S. Thankoffering meeting will be held Monday, December 20 at 8 p.m. in the church. The

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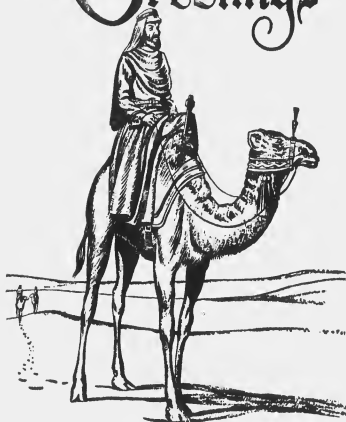
Seasons Greetings To All

Jimmies Coffee Shop



Toppano's Grocery

Christmas Greetings



COLEMAN PHARMACY

SOUTHERN ROUTE A "MUST" FOR INDUSTRY, MEET TOLD

TRAIL — One of Canada's greatest basic industries is located in Trail, yet the city is without direct paved road connection with the Coast.

This fact was driven home by E. R. McParland of Lethbridge, president, to delegates to the Trans-Canada Highway Association (Crow's Nest Route) meeting here Monday in the shadow of the huge smelter stacks.

"A person can't get across the province on four wheels without taking ferries or travelling via the United States," he said. "If considered only from a war aspect, this is a dreadful situation."

Dr. C. H. Wright of Trail was even more emphatic in his reasons as to why the provincial government should complete the province's Southern route:

It is the cross-province route most nearly finished and that serving the greatest population. It is the route most easily kept open during winter.

It is the route which can link with industrial towns the rich Grand Forks and Creston agricultural areas.

It is the route along which trucks may travel without encountering park restrictions in the form of tolls and licences.

Dr. Wright had previously told delegates that they had not only to consider means of crossing the Monashee mountains by a paved road, but also of tying in with the Creston-Salmo cut-off.

Good Progress

Reports on work on Southern routes in the three western provinces were given, with the 1954 highway improvements in South-eastern B.C. being stressed.

Jack Kerr of Frank said Alberta had a good road from Walsh to Crow's Nest, and that with hard-surfacing next year between Blairmore and Bellevue, the highway there would be in tip-top shape.

Alberta people, he said, were anxious to see the Salmo-Creston and Monashee gaps filled, in order that they might have a direct route from Winnipeg to Vancouver.

H. D. Harrison, president of the B.C. section, reported on the "good progress this year on the Southern route from the Alberta border to the Okanagan and on feeder lines."

Eye witness accounts of the Blueberry - Paulson and Salmo-

Creston surveys of this year, were given by two delegates.

Gordon Strong of Nelson said he had found it "a pleasure" to see the 58-mile expanse of road between Kinnaird and Christina Lake. In the 30 miles between Kinnaird and the 5,150-foot summit exists a grade of under eight per cent. The elevation 18 miles from Kinnaird is 4,100 feet.

At an elevation of 4,300 feet, stretches a 12-mile flat side-stepping Sheep and Mud Lakes, with good fishing and fine scenery. The grade between Paulson and Christina Lake is three per cent through rocky country.

Four bridges would be needed, culverts being suitable for smaller streams. Several good gravel pits were discovered along the way.

All curves could be negotiated at speeds of between 50 and 75 miles an hour, and tangents would be good, Mr. Strong reported. He also found indications of light snowfall each year.

The road from Kinnaird brings in a fork, one from North and the other from south end of the village.

The southern road would connect with a Salmo-Creston road continuation from Ross Spur through Champion Creek and via bridge over the Columbia River at Kinnaird. If this environment of a Creston-Salmo - Ross Spur-Kinnaird-Blueberry-Paulson route were to come true, villages where ribbon development has taken place, and where speed limits have been imposed, would be avoided.

Frank Rotter of Salmo advised delegates that the Salmo-Creston survey would be finished by Christmas. The route would be one of the best mountain roads in this part of B.C., entirely on southerly slopes, scenic, a mile straight in places, and no part costly to build or dangerous.

"We have shown the government where to go," said Mr. Rotter. "Now we must press for the money."

Guy Constable of Creston, asked by the president to comment on Southern B.C.'s road system spoke of a need for "integrating" roads and water resources. "Storage dams appear inevitable, but if the government is determined to sell our water resources, that revenue should be earmarked for road work in this area." Storage backwaters were generally too wide and too deep to bridge or circle by road.

—Nelson Daily News.

Merry CHRISTMAS

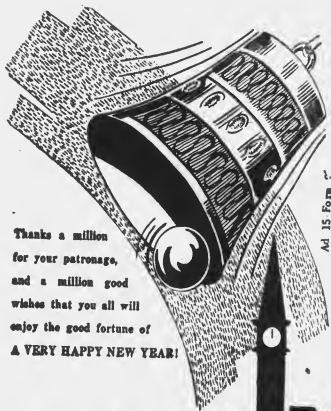


Greetings of the Season.

SLIM'S TIRE SHOP



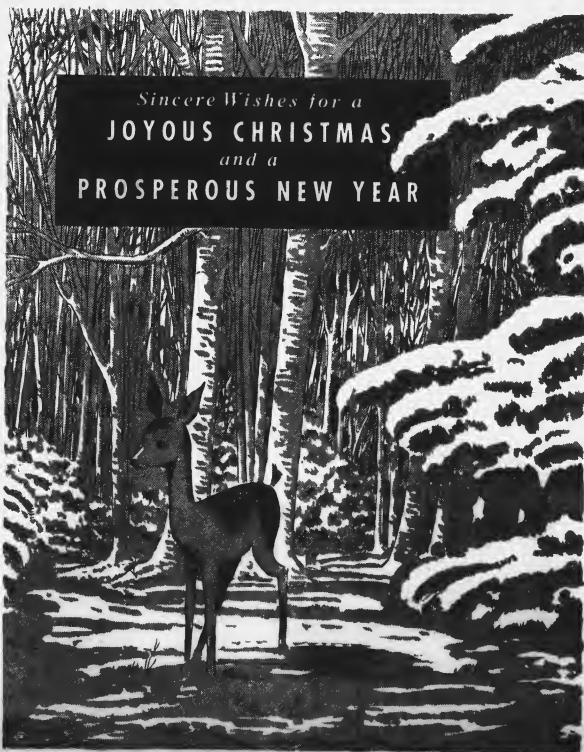
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PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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THE TOWN OF COLEMAN
And The
COLEMAN LIGHT AND WATER CO.**

Atten dJehovah Witness Convention

Fifteen Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses from Southern Alberta concluded a three day Convention at the Lethbridge Henderson Lake Pavilion Sunday evening December 5th. Among those attending from the Coleman district were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krish, Bruce Fairbrother and Mrs. William Fairbrother.

These Assemblies are held twice each year by the Watch Tower Society to promote Christian growth, brighten vision and to train their members in effective field preaching.

A high point of the Convention was reached Saturday evening at seven p.m. when 575 delegates and the general public crowded into the Lake Pavilion to see the Watch Tower Society's film the "New World Society in Action." This remarkable film is said to be the most outstanding single witness ever given to show the activity, growth and expansion of this Organization throughout the earth. The witnesses readied a Cafeteria at the Pavilion, manned it with volunteer ministers and fed the delegates. This Cafeteria was capable of feeding 500 or more people three times a day.

Saturday afternoon following a talk by Mr. D. E. Held on Baptism, fifteen persons were immersed in water. Noticeable among this group were five teenagers who dedicated their lives to the Christian ministry.

The Convention reached a climax Sunday at three p.m. at the Paramount Theatre when Mr. Held, a special Watch Tower representative from Toronto, delivered his address "Does God Really Care?" Using biblical examples Mr. Held stated that the flood of Noah's day is an outstanding example which proves that God does care. "Because punishment is slow in coming many men think it will never come," he said, "and they set out on a course of evil convinced that God does not care."

This address was enthusiastically received by 65 delegates and the general public.



*The old wish ...
the true wish ...*
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AND
Happy New Year**
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WEDDING BECOMES CITY CELEBRATION



—CHRYSLER PRESS CANADIAN
Mr. and Mrs. James D. MacKay of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., found themselves the focal point of interest of Niagara Falls citizens when their marriage coincided with the city's golden jubilee. Following the marriage ceremony, they made their departure in a 1904 surrey complete with driver dressed for the role.

**WHAT THE FARMER HEARD
ON HIS CRYSTAL RADIO SET**

A district farmer has an old-time radio, a crystal set, with earphones attached thereto. He dug it out of the attic the other night and proceeded to listen to Calgary. One of the radio stations there was broadcasting highway information, another was giving a farm broadcast, while an evangelist sermon was booming out on the third. Here's what the farmer heard:

"Now, Ezekiel tells us that baby chicks should detour west of Bassano and listen to the word of the prophet saying, use great care in the selection of your eggs and you will run into a few mudholes between here and Gleichen. We find in Genesis that the roads are soft and treacherous just west of the henhouse, but if you take them out and clean them thoroughly each day and place clean straw in the nests you will be well repaid; otherwise your soul is in danger. After you leave Duchess, purchase your baby chicks from a reliable hatchery and make a detour where Baslin was spoken to by his ass, for the baby chicks are liable to get the pip, and the Alberta government is spending ten million dollars on new highways. There is a washout on the highway near Tilley, and the road to salvation is undergoing repairs, making it necessary to keep an even heat in the brooder of about

70 degrees. Unless you do these things the wrath of God will make the pin feathers drop just south of the cemetery. Many are called, but few have any luck unless the gravelled road just west of Medicine Hat is mixed with bran. With 500 pullets one should get as far as Dunmore, where Noah was commanded to build an ark one mile east of Irvine. Remember my friends, the command was given to Nah to use whitewash very liberally at the first sign of lice before the trumpet of Gabriel sounds and it is too late to watch the ditches at the side of the road going into Saskatchewan."

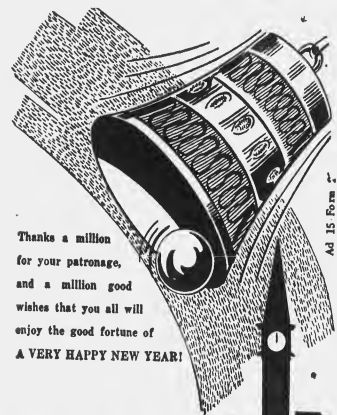
After listening to the above, our friend says that the old crystal set is better than any vaudeville show.

**CHRISTMAS IS
COMING**

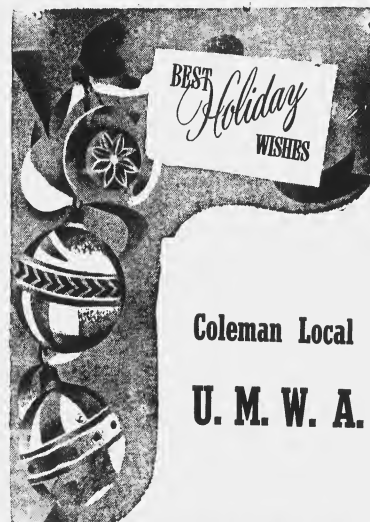
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**New Years Eve
DANCE**

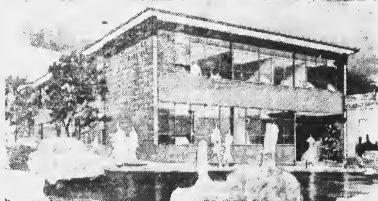
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Fri. Dec. 31

ITALIAN HALL, COLEMAN

Novelties — 4 \$5 cheques as Door Prize
Admission per person 50c — Good Orchestra



PETE & BILL DeGROOT



Architect's drawing of the Credit Union Headquarters at Broadway and Quebec Streets, in Vancouver, which were officially opened by the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Attorney-General on Saturday, Sept. 18th. The building, of concrete block and brick construction, features a ceramic tile map of British Columbia and its industries in the entrance. The building was designed so that it can be extended upwards one floor, and a further fifty feet west be added as additional space is required.

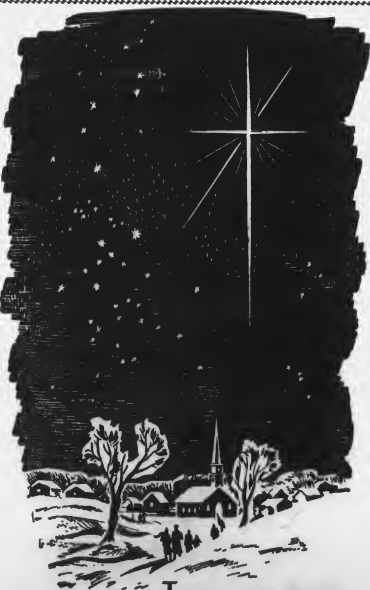
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Christmas Message

From the Reverend F.A. Dykes, R.A., L.Th., Rector of the Anglican Churches in the Crow's Nest Pass.

In the beautiful word picture of the first Christmas given to us by St. Luke, there is a scene in which we see the Shepherds keeping a watch over their flock. As they watched an angel of the Lord appeared unto them and announced to them the "good tidings of the great joy". The tidings that "there is born today in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." With the announcing of the birth of Jesus Christ the heavens were filled with the sound of the heavenly host praising God. And so it was that the birth of Jesus was introduced by the Angels' song.

As the centuries have passed by more than nineteen hundred anniversaries of Christmas have come and gone. Sometimes men have noted them, sometimes they have been all but forgotten. Yet never during Christmas has the Song been stilled. Men through the ages have heard that Song in their hearts and followed it to the side of Our Lord.

Christmas of 1954 is rapidly approaching. Our days are full of preparations some of which have little bearing on the true meaning of the Season. But soon the true meaning of Christmas will be assailing our hearts as though our ears were truly attuned to the angels' song. Because the Angel's song of long ago predicted a reality — the reality of the birth of One Who alone gives meaning to human life.

The song of the Angels was a song of hope. What hope is there for man if he is born to enjoy the beauty of the earth and of the arts, to experience love and joy and truth, to know the satisfaction of work well done and then to pass on as though he never lived. On the first Christmas Jesus the Saviour, the hope of mankind, entered human history to show man once and for all the meaning of life. Man has within Him a soul which grows with every act of love, and self-sacrifice and faith. It grows by these means because these are the qualities of God Himself.

Our Saviour was born to show us what God is like. Only by understanding His teaching and example, and by patterning our life upon His life can our Soul receive the nourishment necessary to experience eternal habitation with God. That alone is the true end of human life.

May we all approach this Christmas season, our hearts filled with thankfulness to God because He has given us hope where no hope was and death in life through Jesus Christ our Lord. May we be with God this day. God is with us always.

Behold, The Son of God

And the angel said unto her: "Fear not Mary, for thou hast found favor with God, and behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus."

What was Jesus of Nazareth like?

At this day we have no really authenticated word picture of Jesus of Nazareth as he appeared

during His earthly life, save only what may be gleaned incidentally from the Gospels themselves. There is, however, a portrait of Jesus Christ, attributed to one Publius Lentulus, a Roman Proconsul, who was acting in an official capacity in Jerusalem during the time of Our Lord's ministry. These facts about Lentulus are given as an introductory to a letter said to be written by him to the Senate of the Roman people at Rome. This letter is classed as apocryphal in the sense that it cannot be authenticated from an early source. A manuscript copy of the letter, of French origin and dating from the 16th century, is now in the British Museum. It was formerly in the collection of Pierre Segulier, a Chancellor of France in the 17th century. In 1724 Edward Harley, the second Earl of Oxford, acquired the collection.

Here is Lentulus' description: "In these our days, there appeared a man of great virtue, named Jesus Christ, who is yet living amongst us, and of the Gentiles is accepted as the prophet of Truth. He raises the dead and cures all manner of disease. A man of stature somewhat tall and comely, of such a beholder may both love and fear. His hair of the color of a chestnut, full ripe; plain to his ears, whence downward it is more orient and curling, and waving about his shoulders. In the midst of his head is a seam, a partition in his hair, after the manner of the Nazarites. His forehead plain and very wrinkleless; his face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a lovely red. His nose and mouth so formed that nothing can be reprehended. His beard is in color like his hair, not very long but forked; His look innocent and mature, His eyes grey, clear and quick and luminous. In reproving He is terrible. His eyes piercing — as with a two edged sword — the greedy, the selfish and the oppressor, but look with tenderest pity on the weak and erring and sinful. Courteous and fair spoken; pleasant in conversation, mixed with gravity. Many have seen Him weep. In proportion of body — most excellent — a man for His singular beauty surpassing the children of men.

And He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David, and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end.

Christmas Message from St. Paul's United Coleman.

"Is Christmas that soon?" Such is the thought in the minds of most people as Christmas approaches. For many, whose preparations for the festive season are elaborate and detailed, requiring many hours of buying, baking and tying, the rapid approach of Christmas brings a frustrating experience of horror — so much left to be done so little time left in which to do it! "When will I get time to address those cards?" "Should I send Aunt Fanny a present this year?" "I wonder if the in-laws will get here in time for dinner?" They're usually an hour late!" — And so it goes. Gifts to buy and wrap — trees to put up and decorate — a thousand and one things to accomplish, and Christmas pushing towards us in an unrelenting march, closer, closer, closer, and the pitch of excitement rising every day.

Nearly two thousand years ago there was also quite a rush. Bethlehem was packed with a mass of humanity. People had come for miles around to be enrolled for taxation. Hotel room was at a premium. Parties were in progress. There was rudeness and there was confusion. There was certainly no room for late-comers. Joseph and Mary were among those last to arrive, and they were told that "there was no room for them at the inn". The only available space was in the stable at the back. At least it was quiet there — and it was into this quietness that Jesus was born.

A few miles away in the hills outside the town it was quiet too. A few shepherds roughly dressed, were getting ready to spend the night watching over their sheep. In the poetic language of the gospel writer a beautiful story is told of the announcement to those simple shepherds of the coming of the Prince of Peace — the Saviour of men — the Lord of men's lives! It was a soul-stirring event that altered the course of history! "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to men of good will!" Why shouldn't the angels sing? Why shouldn't the Star go off its course? Why shouldn't the Wise Men travel far to offer their gifts? The Son of God was born —

the Word had become flesh — God was drawing near to man — and in the quietness of the stable, in the silence of the starlit night and in the humility and serenity of receptive hearts the Divine drama was being unfolded.

It has always been thus. God's voice is rarely heard in the bustle and confusion of hectic preparation — nor in the "excuses" which man concocts for self-indulgent "celebration" of the birthday of Jesus. — God's voice is heard when the bewildering rust is laid aside and we listen anew to the song of the angels of "Peace on Earth among men of goodwill". His voice will sound with resonance in the happy laughter of children — in the smile of friends and the heart-warming greetings at family gatherings. His love will find expression in the "giving"

spirit which sweeps over us at this season. Our thankful hearts will find adequate expression of their feelings in services of worship and praise, and sharing with those less fortunate the benefits which we enjoy.

Your church sincerely wishes you and yours every happiness for the Christmas Season. May it be a time of spiritual renewal — of the rebirth of the Christchild within your heart. May His Peace be with you not only at this Christmas season, but always.

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The Future His Mercy Shall Clear

I see not a step before me as
I tread on another year;
But I've left the Past in God's keeping.
The Future, His mercy shall clear;
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

Mary Gardiner Brainard.

As we prepare to make another step forward in a brand new year, we are confident that the picture might brighten as we draw near.

During the past twelve months we have each had our personal problems and the fear of war plus the fear and uncertainty that followed the economic change with the closure of a mine.

Looking back we find that most of those personal problems have dissolved, and peace still reigns in our world.

The prediction of a ghost town and mass migration of people from Coleman failed to materialize. As we approach the Christmas season we find that everyone has or is adjusting himself to the changes. We have learned to change in our spending habits, change our way of thinking, but nothing has or ever will change the Spirit of Christmas. The spirit of goodwill to your fellow man is just as strong today if not stronger.

No one can foretell what the future holds, however we must have faith, faith in our fellow man and faith in our Creator, for "The future His mercy shall clear; And what looks dark in the distance may brighten as I draw near."

The Real Meaning of CHRISTMAS...

(From the Illustrated London News)

Soon it will be Christmas. In millions of homes across the country families and kinsmen will sit down together, eat a little more than is good for them and make merry. There will be a slight, temporary, yet perceptible all-round rising of the temperature of human kindliness.

What does it all mean? For a minority, Christmas is a religious commemoration, the highlight of the Christian year. For a majority, it is merely a feast and a holiday, and is kept by them because their fathers kept it, because their earliest memories of celebration and family reunion go back to Christmas Day.

The "Christian myth": that is how "clever" men refer to the body of Christian belief out of which the Christmas feast rises. But

before we dismiss the "myth" there are certain historical facts which we should do well to remember.

The first is that on a specific day there was born in the manger of a poor inn in Judea a child called Jesus. He was not a prince or a statesman or a warrior. He was not a member of a conquering race; He wrote no book, raised no artistic monument. His years on earth were few and lived out in a poor, obscure conquered province. He was regarded by cultivated and educated contemporaries as a person of no consequence. As a matter of prosaic history, it is to celebrate this Man's birth that we sit down to eat roast turkey and plum pudding. It takes, one might think, much explanation.

The theological interpretation put by churches and scholars on Christ's reported words has varied in all ages and varies to this day. What there never has been any doubt about is that those who knew Christ best during His life, and particularly after His terrible and agonizing death, became convinced that He both was and knew Himself to be more than man. He believed He was the Son of God, and He succeeded, in the teeth of every opposition, ridicule and persecution, in communicating that belief to others.

What Jesus did caused men to worship what He was. For what He did created in those who were witnesses of it — and in those who came to learn of it only by hearsay — a conviction of what He was. The conviction was so intense that they regarded His existence on earth as infinitely the most important thing that had ever happened. Not only did they try to alter their own lives — to live, however unsuccessfully, as He had lived — but in many cases they deliberately elected to die as He had died. This is not a myth; it is fully documented history. It happened, and nothing can alter the fact.

For this wonderful Man, whom those of us who call ourselves Christians believe to have been more than man, possessed an attribute which we know from our own experience to be utterly beyond the capacity of human nature. He possessed an infinite capacity for love that enabled Him to regard and treat every other being's personality, need and suffering as though they were His own. He did not love only individually and spasmodically, as all human beings at times do, even the worst and most selfish; He loved so much that all human suffering and need mattered to Him.

"Moral perfection is incompatible with human nature."

For if a perfect man existed in a world such as ours, he would die of horror and compassion at the terrible things that happen in it every second. However tender and loving, however shaken and moved by the sufferings and tragedies that affect them personally, men and women instinctively close their hearts to other tragedies every whit as great as their own and those immediately around them. A perfect being would not shut his heart in self-protection. He would suffer with others and give himself unceasingly to relieve and succor them.

The whole meaning of Christmas, the miracle of Christ's birth — and death — is that once and once only in human history was there such a being. He so loved His fellow men that His whole life was dedicated without the least alloy of self to the relief and service of all those who stood in need of them.

Two Simple Rules

He left us two commandments: that we should love God — whose nature He revealed to us by His own — with all our being; and that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. However far we are from fulfilling either, we all of us, as a result of Christ's life, come at Christmas for a moment a little nearer to both.

BLAIRMORE MEETING FAVORS FORMATION LARGE SCHOOL UNIT

BLAIRMORE — An exception-day night when William Kovach, ally well attended meeting, sponsored by the Blaimore Home and School Association, was held in Mr. Kovach spoke on the topic the Union Hall in Blaimore Mon- of "The Educational System and

How it Affects the Crow's Nest Pass. He reviewed the system as it existed in past years, its functions at the present time and explained how he felt a large school division in this area would benefit the entire Crow's Nest Pass district in the future. Some of the advantages noted by Mr. Kovach were increased number of courses available; economy of teaching time; no duplication of effort; better facilities and no overcrowding of schools, the employment of economy in administration and provision of teachers for specialized courses.

Mr. Kovach stated the Crow's Nest Pass area lends itself admirably to the formation of a large division due to its geographical set up and its similarity of industry.

Following Mr. Kovach's address a question period was held during which time numerous questions were put to and answered by Mr. Kovach.

Large Division

Following the question period the meeting went on record as favoring the formation of a large school division. A committee comprising the executive of the Home and School Association and representatives of all Crow's Nest Pass school boards and Pass organizations is to be formed. This special committee will hold meetings in the near future to familiarize the parents with the advantages to be gained by the formation of a school division. Following this the minister of education will be invited to visit the Pass area for the purpose of addressing a public meeting of residents.

Mr. Jerry Amnell Passes

The sudden death occurred in Edmonton, Saturday night, December 4, of Gerald Amnell, aged 36 years, of 12138 106 St. He is survived by his loving wife Reta, and four daughters Vira, Vivian, Verna and Rhoda all at home; and three sisters, Mrs. M. Helmig, Mrs. E. Hilker of Edmonton, and Mrs. P. Plese of Detroit, Mich., several nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the R.C.A.F. City of Edmonton Squadron serving overseas 1940-45.

Funeral services were held at Thursday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m. from Park Memorial Chapel on the Boulevard with Rev. Dr. W. T. Young of Norwood United Church officiating. Interment followed in the Field of Honor, Beechmount Cemetery. Pallbearers included Messrs. K. Hutchings, G. Johanson, D. Malcolm, E. Hilker, C. Hilker and K. Helmig.

"Kiss Me Kate"

Howard Keel, a musical comedy star, persuades his ex-wife, Kathryn Grayson, to enact the femme lead in a new production, but Kathryn rapidly becomes irked at Ann Miller, the play's second lead, who is making a blatant romantic pass at Keel. Kathryn is engaged to marry Willard Parker, a wealthy Texas cattle baron, but finds herself still in love with her former husband. As the play progresses toward opening night, Keel finds himself inadvertently involved with two gangsters trying to collect a gambling debt for which Keel is not responsible; during the first night Kathryn becomes enraged with Keel and plans to leave the show. Keel squares the mobsters, Ann solidifies a romance with another man, and Kathryn, changing her mind, rejoins the play for the last act—reunited with Keel.

"Sabrina"

On a Long Island estate resides the fabulously rich family headed by Walter Hampden, his wife and their two sons, Humphrey Bogart and William Holden. Also in residence are the family chauffeur and his daughter, Audrey Hepburn. Hopelessly in love with Holden, Audrey tries suicide, but is saved by Bogart. She is hustled off to Paris by her father to learn to be a fine cook—and, under the guidance of a suave Frenchman, becomes a sophisticated young lady. Returning to Long Island, she is romantically pursued by both Bogart and Holden — the latter neglecting his fiancée, Martha Hyer, to do so. To "save the family", Bogart concocts a plot to get rid of Audrey, then discovers he is truly in love with her. They fall into each other's arms and Holden, the typical playboy, goes back to Martha.

NOTICE

To Resident Non-Ratepayers of the C. N. P. Municipal Hospital

During the month of January 1955, both single and family Hospital Contracts will be sold for \$8.00. These contracts provide the same protection as that given Ratepayers.

Benefits become available immediately upon purchase of the contract.

This notice is also directed to all persons who have left School to become permanently employed and those who have disposed of their property.

Notice is further given that all contracts purchased in January and July of 1954 will become invalid December 31st, and holders of same are advised to have them renewed.

Arrangements must be made for the payment of old accounts before contracts will be sold.

In view of the restricted period which the contracts are available everyone is urged to purchase them as soon as possible.

The Contracts will go on Sale January 3rd, 1955, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. only at the Hospital.

V. J. HOREJSI, Secretary-Manager, C. N. P. Municipal Hospital.

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Comedy with music
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Ten men and a girl against the Comanche devils. Sheer will brought them through a wall of hate. Against all the odds he stood between them and the warring hordes.

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SABRINA

Comedy Humphrey Bogart Audrey Hepburn W Holden
The brilliant Broadway hit becomes the seasons most magnetic romantic comedy with everybody's darling Audrey Hepburn at her most refreshing best. Its a must see treat.

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The Master Of Ballantrae

Costume adventure drama Technicolor
Errol Flynn Roger Livesey Anthony Steel
Banners bright came the Dragons of the Scarlett Brigade. The Scott who defied a kings army for a womans lips. Filmed on the historic cliffs of Scotland.

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THEATRE TICKETS

Give Theatre Tickets For Christmas Books for Adults; Students and Children available at all Purnell Theatres

Bringing Presents Unto God

Christmas is the worlds strangest birthday. — Most everyone receives gifts except the one whose birthday is being celebrated. And a great many of the celebrations are no honor to Christ at all, but rather an insult to His Holy name. Truly to the majority of people in Christendom — Christmas is no Xmas. Christ crossed out of Christmas. X being an unknown quantity and Masses.

David in one of his Psalms extols the king of kings and near the end of his glorification of the Lord he writes "Let all that be around and about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. — In oriental lands, when one approaches the king, it is customary to bring gifts. — We recall how Mathew tells how the Wise men brought gifts unto Christ — as the King of the Jews — So David reminds us in this chapter — that God being King Eternal merits our gifts.

Notice to whom David this reminder — All around about Him — Of course that means His very own children through faith, those attracted to Him, and who look to Him for strength and guidance and blessing — He has drawn us to Him by his redeeming work. — Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins — was the message that the angel brought to the wondering Joseph, husband of Mary — Jesus was Gods gift to the world — For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in should not perish but have everlasting life. — And the believer joyfully exclaims with Paul "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift — He has drawn us to Him as our Great Deliverer from the thralldom of sin — He not only brought us out of the Egyptian bondage but he brought us into Canaan's joys — He is our Joshua — He is so many things to us — Wonderful Counsellor — Prince of Peace, Shepherd Friend — That is why we rejoice to gather round and about

Him on the Lord's Day — He has promised to be where the two or three are gathered in His name and so we love to meet our Friend — to adore and praise Him and receive counsel from His wise and loving lips.

So it is from us He rightfully expects presents — From the world he expects nothing for its devotees are not interested in His Kingdom — No day in all the year except New Year's Day, perhaps is so desired at Christmas — What gifts can we give to the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps as one considers it in the light of ordinary gift giving — one must conclude that God needs no gift. He has all and is all — Why then does He desire our gifts? A gift is not necessary to supply a need but rather to express our Love — When the Queen of Sheba brought gifts to Solomon — it was not because Solomon had need of anything but she did it to express her Homage — So the King of Kings demands our homage our Love. He desires our lives. How can we refuse Him this gift after all he has done to bring about Salvation; Shall we begrudge any time used in his service — Present your bodies a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto him which is your reasonable service. So let us bring our presents unto Him that ought to be feared. If we could only see Jesus arrayed now clothed in glory that he had with the father before the world was seated at Gods right hand with all majesty and Dominion, possessing all power in heaven and earth with adorning angels round and about the throne — we would not only love Him but we would have within our hearts a reverent awe.

Christ is our Lord and Master. He merits our reverence and godly fear and our deep respect — Let us thankfully bring unto Him at this Christmas Season our Lives unto Him.

Captain Isabel Arkinstall,
The Salvation Army.

St. Alban's Anglican Christmas Services:

11:30 p.m., Dec. 24th at St. Luke Blaimore. Service of Holy Communion, Carols, and address.
11 a.m. Christmas morning, St. Alban's — Family Service.
12 noon: service of Holy Communion.
Services for Sunday, Dec. 26:
9 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m.: Evensong and sermon.
Reverend Father M. McGreevy

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Holy Ghost Church
Coleman, Alberta

At this Holy Season we celebrate the birth of Christ, the great mystery of the incarnation, where in God the Son became man and dwelt amongst us. Christ who is truly God humbled Himself to take on the nature of man that He might some and teach us the way to peace and happiness in this world and everlasting happiness in the next world.

Every human person, no matter what race, creed or color they belong to, seeks happiness, security and prosperity. Yet here are so many different roads which mankind thinks will lead to happiness. Some place their trust in a big bank account, some consider worldly pleasures as their goal for happiness, others look for fame and the applause of the world.

True happiness is found in the knowledge and love of Almighty God and in sharing the many blessings God gives to each one of us. On that first Christmas night the holy Angels sang out: "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on Earth to Men of Goodwill". It is only when men will learn to give glory to God their Lord and Creator that they can expect to reap the peace and happiness which truly satisfies the Christian soul. There must be goodwill on our part towards God before we can expect peace and happiness.

Let us pray for that peace and happiness which we desire in our own hearts and souls, in our homes and throughout the entire world. Let us join in the Church's prayer said at Midnight Mass: "O God, Who hast made this most sacred night to shine forth with the brightness of the True Light, grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who have known the mysteries of His Light on earth, may also enjoy His happiness in heaven".

The Coleman Credit & Savings Union

Will hold their Collection Office at Rudys Store

Hours will be 10 to 12 and 4.30 to 6 on

PAY FRIDAYS

HEARTY SEASONS GREETINGS

To The Citizens of Coleman
and
Coleman School Dist. No. 1216

May your Christmas be a joyous one and may that joy soon spread over the entire world

COLEMAN SCHOOL BOARD

M. Cornett - Chairman
C. Clarke, D. Holly, S. Penney, J. Bayon - Trustees
Mrs. N Goudjing - Secretary

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

And A Thanks To All Our Customers

To all of you we send the old wish
A Happy Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year

J. Allan and Staff

We approach the one day in the long calendar of the year that brings the whole human family into common communion . . . the holiday when men and women open their shut up hearts freely. On this day, commemorating the birth of its Mighty Founder, let us pledge ourselves to rededicate our lives and bring a richer, fuller meaning to . . .

Peace On Earth
Goodwill Toward Men

★ ★

Coleman Board of Trade

J. R. HILL, PRESIDENT

To our Customers and friends in

COLEMAN

and throughout the Pass, we
extend our best wishes for a

MERRY XMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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